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MEET MR HAPPY

The Controller of Birthdays is wondering what to do about his Snooze

By Peter London

IN the past year or so a rather Pickwickian gentleman named Mr. Happy has become a favourite in a million homes. He is the Controller of Birthdays. Three afternoons a week on I T V he tells his little stories all about toys, and from the big leather-bound birthday book reads out the names and addresses of the lucky children whose birthday it is that day.

Those birthday children receive a small gift by post from Mr. Happy. His only regret, I can tell you, is that he cannot send a gift to every child who writes to him. But when I add that anywhere between 500 and 1000 boys and girls write in every week, you will understand that this would be impossible.

Mr. Happy's postbag, in fact, is so enormous that it has to go to a very businesslike office in London's West End to be sorted out. It is a fascinating correspondence, for children from one year old to 13 write to Mr. Happy—some of them with assistance from their parents, of course!

Let me take you behind the scenes of the Small Time programme at the Wembley studios of Associated-Rediffusion, where the studio designer and carpenters have built a neat little permanent set for Mr. Happy and his toys. I studied his large birthday book, a most impressive volume bound handsomely in leather. To let you into a secret—this book is actually a dictionary, a very old one, bought by the studio property department in an antique bookshop. It is ideal for the job.

LIFE OF CONTRAST

Now to meet Mr. Happy. In private life he is an actor named Peter Rosser, who has appeared in countless television plays, films, and theatre plays. Now he is very happy to be Mr. Happy three days a week.

An actor's life is one of change and contrast: Peter Rosser's previous television role was that of a bishop. He is tall and, shall I say, amply built: he does not have to pad himself to play the rather portly Mr. Happy.

He was chosen for Controller of Birthdays by the Small Time producer by a strange chance. About ten years ago he was playing the title role in a famous comedy, *Ambrose Applejohn's Adventure*, at the Windsor Repertory Theatre.

A local doctor who knew Peter Rosser took his two children to see the play at Christmas. The children were enchanted with *Ambrose*. In fact, for weeks afterwards they nearly drove their parents mad by rushing round the house and shouting "You scum," which was a catchphrase from the play's pirate scene.

One of those children grew up to become a TV production assistant, working on *Small Time*.

But she never forgot the actor who played *Ambrose Applejohn* and roared "You scum" so engagingly. When a Mr. Happy was required, she said: "Let's try Peter Rosser."

And a very surprised actor found himself as Mr. Happy in a very new kind of role, vastly different from *Ambrose*, or, indeed, anything he had ever played in more than 20 years of acting.

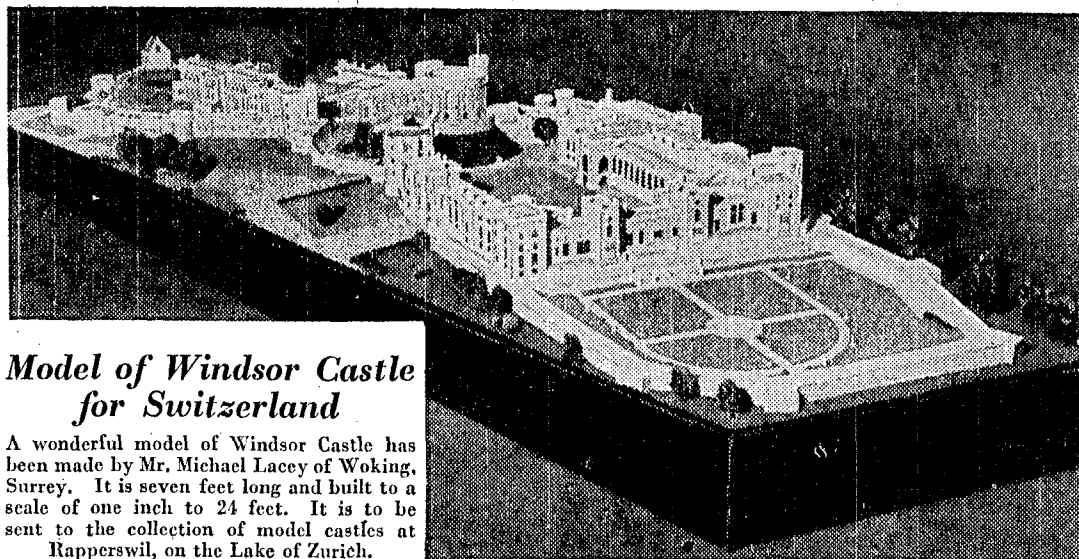
The character of Mr. Happy was created by John Myers, who used to publicise film stars, but now finds immense interest in writing the little episodes and the story-themes for Mr. Happy.

Peter Rosser has freedom to develop these story ideas in his own way. For example, in an inspired moment he invented an



animal called a Snooze. A parent wrote to him and complained amusingly that when *Small Time* was on he could never get a snooze.

Next day Mr. Happy told the children about this and said: "What is a Snooze?" Having a gift for simple outline drawing in an amusing style, Peter drew the shape of an open newspaper, draped over something underneath. To this he added wheezing and whistling sounds and said:



Model of Windsor Castle for Switzerland

A wonderful model of Windsor Castle has been made by Mr. Michael Lacey of Woking, Surrey. It is seven feet long and built to a scale of one inch to 24 feet. It is to be sent to the collection of model castles at Rapperswil, on the Lake of Zurich.

Children's party in Hong Kong

The British Serviceman is known all over the world for the way in which he makes friends with young people.

One more example of this occurred recently in Hong Kong, when a tea-party for orphan Chinese girls was organised by 127 Battery (The Dragons) of 49 Field Regiment, Royal Artillery.

Owing to bad weather, most of the fun had to take place indoors, though it was possible to arrange a few donkey-rides—on borrowed mules. The Chinese children knew the game of musical chairs, but

had never come across bobbing for apples on the end of a string, and thought this the funniest thing they had ever seen.

The hero of the day undoubtedly was Lance Bombardier H. Roberts of Sheffield, who volunteered to be a human "Aunt Sally." The brave man stuck his head through a hole in a piece of canvas to be pelted with paper bags full of flour by the delighted children, many of whom scored direct hits. One of the martyr's friends kept him from being suffocated by playing a stirrup pump on his face, and the result can be imagined.

The Corporal Cook and his staff produced a wonderful tea which, besides the usual jellies and ices, included special Chinese items, such as prawns, chicken, duck, rice, oysters, soup, several vegetables, and an egg dish. The only thing lacking was chopsticks, but the children made do with spoons and forks, and for some of them

find a permanent place in the Battery records. A reproduction of the letter is given below, and this is a translation of it:

"Dear Friends,

"I am writing to you for us all to thank you very, very much for inviting us to your place last Saturday afternoon. We enjoyed the whole afternoon very much.



FAMILY TALENT

Nigel Hess of Weston-super-Mare is only five, but he is already showing promise as a pianist, and did particularly well in a recent contest at Bristol. His grandfather, Mr. Herbert Hess, who is well known in local music circles as conductor of the Regency Girls' Choir, told a CN correspondent: "Nigel is a promising boy and he should go far later on. Music runs in the family and Nigel, I hope, will one day be as good as his great-aunt."

His great-aunt is none other than the famous concert pianist Dame Myra Hess.

"Underneath there is a Snooze."

Since then the Snooze seems to have crept into every programme. "I don't know what I am going to do about him," Peter Rosser confessed to me. "He's getting more and more real, and I'm sure I shall have to show him one day."

One of Peter's additional engagements soon will be to present all the toys which he uses on his programme—they are supplied by the British Toy Manufacturers Association, by the way—to a children's hospital as a Christmas gift. Which will make Mr. Happy and a lot of children very happy indeed.



Up into the saddle for her very first "donkey ride"

this was the first time they had used a fork.

When the time came to go back, they took with them a parcel of cakes and an ice-cream for every child who was ill in bed or otherwise not able to be present.

Several days later a letter of thanks arrived written in Chinese characters by one of the children, and this beautiful production will

We thank you for the delicious food, exciting games, and your kind hospitality. We will always remember you.

"Besides this, our younger sisters, from two-four years old, and all the bigger sisters, too, ask us to send their love and thanks to you for the fruits, potato chips, and ice-cream which you so kindly gave them when you took us back home. It is so kind of you to remember us all. As we have nothing to repay, we can only write a letter and say 'Thank you very much.'

"May God bless you more and more.

"Lin So Chan writes for us all."

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PARLIAMENT AND THE WHIPS

By the C.N. Parliamentary Correspondent

As the life of this Parliamentary session hurries on we shall hear more and more about censure motions, three-line whips, and—rather confusingly—of the activities of certain people who are referred to as “the Whips.”

As to the first, it is one of the privileges of an Opposition to criticise a Government and one way to do this is to put forward a censure motion. Any critical motion on a major occasion, such as the Queen's Speech (composed by her Ministers) or the Budget, can be a challenge to the Government in power, even though it may sound as harmless a motion as “That this House do now adjourn.”

A motion of this kind can be put down for debate on defence policy, foreign affairs, or some issue that might have blown up overnight, such as some words in a Minister's speech outside the House.

At such times the Government will always ensure it has sufficient supporters in the Commons to defeat a censure motion. This is because such a motion, if carried in the Commons against the Government, may force that Government to resign. (But a censure motion carried against the Government in the Lords does not

involve the Government's downfall.)

So a Government makes sure that it has enough M.P.s on hand by sending out a printed summons called a three-line whip. This outlines the nature of the business to be debated, and then gives a request to each M.P. that he should attend to vote with the Government. This request has three thick black rules under every line of type. (On less important occasions a one-line or two-line whip is used.)

SPECIAL DUTY M.P.s

These printed whips are sent out by M.P.s called Whips—M.P.s who have a special duty.

Each party has a number of Whips to arrange its business in both Houses of Parliament. Their function is something like that of the stewards who see you to your seat at a meeting. Each M.P. has a duty to keep in touch with his party Whips, and especially if he belongs to the Party in power.

The Whips, apart from ensuring that there are enough M.P.s in the House at given times to guarantee as large a vote as possible, must also keep in touch with rank-and-file M.P.s and report to the Party leaders the mood of the Parties on various issues.

The word Whip, used of an M.P., is a shortened version of Whipper-in. It originated in the hunting-field, where the Whipper-in drove the hounds back into the pack when they showed signs of straying. By the end of the 18th century it had acquired its modern meaning. All the Parties in our history have been served by some of the most able men as Whips. And many a Minister who helped to make our history served his apprenticeship to Parliament in the Whips' office at Westminster.

Good use for nuclear weapon

A deep harbour and a channel are to be blasted by nuclear explosions in Kotzebue Sound, on the west coast of Alaska. The explosives will be buried in the sea bed, to lessen radiation, and the few people living in the neighbourhood are to be evacuated to a distance of at least 15 miles for about a fortnight.

Intended to be an impressive demonstration of the peaceful use of atomic energy, the operation will probably take place in the summer of 1960, and will cost about £1,750,000.

Peter and Wendy



Sarah Churchill, in the white coat, and Judy Lockwood study the parts they are to play, as Peter and Wendy, in this year's production of Peter Pan at the Scala Theatre, London.

Helicopter arrived just in time

Once again, the adaptable helicopter has beaten disaster by a few moments.

An R.A.F. helicopter on a training flight saw a girl in difficulties on a mudbank at the mouth of the River Orwell, off the Suffolk coast at Felixstowe.

She was ten-year-old Marianne Couchi who, with two school friends, had been collecting sea shells. Spotting a good specimen on the mudbank, Marianne, the only one with rubber boots, had waded out to get it. But she was soon stuck in the treacly mud and slowly began to sink.

Then the helicopter saw her, landed on the shore and Flight-Sergeant John Banbridge ran out to help her. But he, too, became stuck. The helicopter rose, hovered over them, and lowered a rope. The sergeant fastened this round his waist and held Marianne while the winchman in the machine slowly hauled the pair clear of the deadly, clinging mud.

News from Everywhere

SUMMER TIME IN NORWAY

Norway is to introduce Day-light Saving next year. It is hoped that it will lead to increased tourist traffic, particularly in September.

A rocket-powered test vehicle running on rails, has reached a speed of 2853 m.p.h. in New Mexico. It is believed to be the highest speed achieved on land.

A Labrador dog besieged by swans was rescued by Portsmouth policemen in a dinghy. The dog chased the swans into a pond and was itself then chased to an island by the swans.

SMOKE WITHOUT FIRE

The staff at Eastbourne Town Hall were warned by telephone that smoke was rising from the gold ball on the tower. Closer inspection showed that the “smoke” was a swarm of gnats.

An elephant collided with the 225-ton locomotive of a goods train near the Wankie Game Reserve in Southern Rhodesia. The elephant was killed; the train derailed.

THEY SAY . . .

WHATEVER do you do in your spare time?

Little girl to a man who told her he had no TV set

FASHIONS change, and it would be very odd if the only thing that did not change was the behaviour of children. We cannot expect them to behave like penny-farthings in a jet-aircraft age.

Sir John Wolfenden

THE international language which will take you anywhere is mathematics.

*Professor W. H. G. Armytage,
Professor of Education,
Sheffield University*

It would vastly help mankind if the money being spent to reach the Moon were spent for peace, and on fixing up this world as a decent place to live in.

Earl Attlee

Fifty R.A.F. Chipmunk two-seater aircraft have been delivered to 12 airfields for the use of Air Training Corps cadets.

The Air Training Corps now has its own tie—the A.T.C. falcon on a navy blue background.

FASTEST ON WATER

In his jet hydroplane, Bluebird, Donald Campbell has set up a new world water speed record of 248.62 m.p.h. The previous record, created by Donald Campbell last year, was 239.07 m.p.h.

Two Bramley apples, weighing 1lb 11½ oz and 1lb 8½ oz, won prizes at the recent East Kent Fruit Show.

Montreal is to have the highest building in the Commonwealth—a block of offices 565 feet high.

Out and About

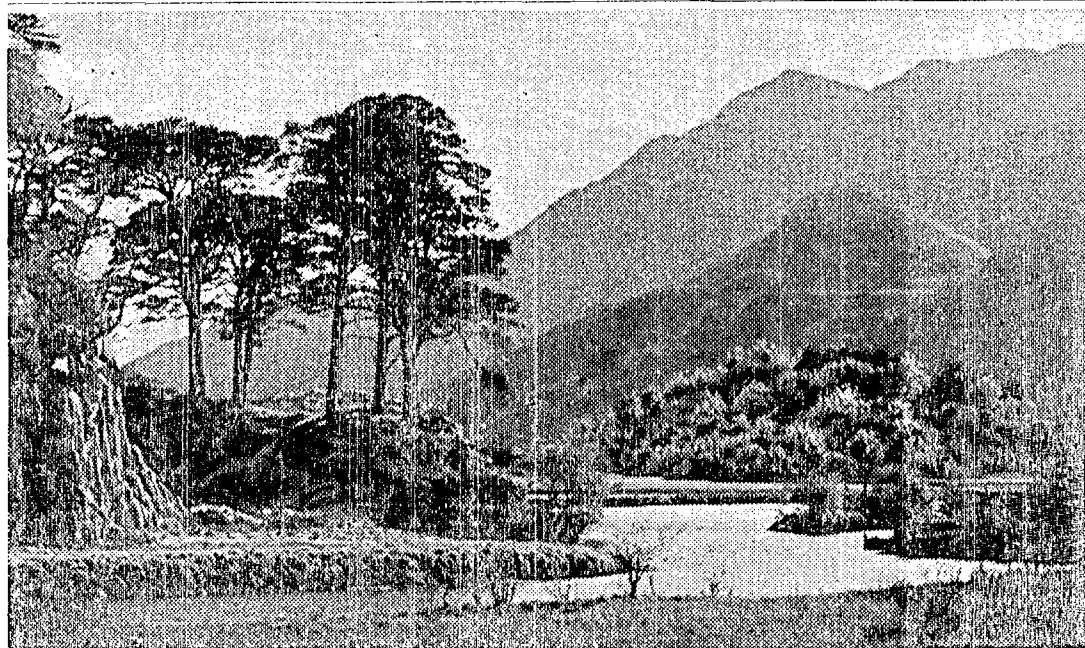
ON the moor the heather had lost its warm colour, and was a dull rusty brown, without the smouldering glow of the bracken.

When we came to the stream, chattering over pebbles, we heard the sharp calling of “zit, zit,” and found several dippers as lively as ever we saw them in summer. One bobbed up near us, after running along under the water, and had what looked like a water snail in his beak. He flew along the stream to a boulder, and knocked the shell to break it.

The others seemed to take turns in diving, then coming up after catching some water insect. In between this they kept bobbing, one moment showing their white throats, then hiding them.

But this movement, so like curtseying, has not inspired the country names for the bird so much as its dark back—which accounts for Water Blackbird and Blacksmith of the Stream—or its love of water, which has suggested Bessie Ducker, Water Peggie, and Water Colly.

The Norwegians call the dipper “King of the waterfall.” C. D. D.



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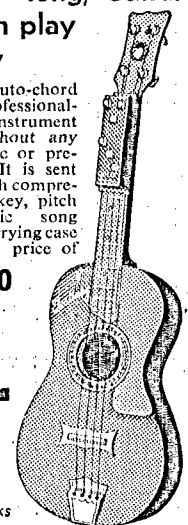
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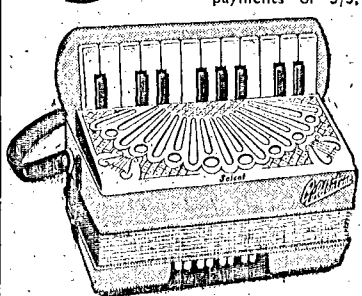
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Galloping Knights of Virginia

Strange and varied are the requests made to our mayors during their years of office; but rarely can there have been a stranger request than one that reached the Mayor of the Derbyshire town of Buxton from the other side of the Atlantic.

It came from Mr. E. P. Brooks, who explained that his ancestors lived in the town of Buxton, Maine, and that now, in Virginia, he has a farm which he has named Buxton. He wrote:

"In the mountain counties of Virginia there persists the custom of tournament riding or jousting.

The participants are called knights, and much of the ancient ritual is observed, including the riders wearing coloured sashes and tunics with heraldic signs of personal significance.

"It would be a great pleasure to me to have any of my family participating, wearing colours or some other sign giving particular significance to the word Buxton."

A wooden shield with the coat-of-arms of Buxton is now being sent in answer to this request.

COLLECTORS IN THE MUD

The Thames mud just above London Bridge is yielding a rich harvest for two Dulwich school-boy archaeologists, 15-year-old Charles Street and 14-year-old John Burton.

Wearing high rubber boots, they have been spending all their spare time searching the mud at low tide, and among the objects they have recovered are medieval pottery and glass, carved knife handles, coins, and brooches. Their collection also includes over 100 clay pipes, some of which have amusing decorations and the makers' initials.

Two of their latest finds have been identified at the Guildhall Museum as pieces of 17th-century Dutch drinking jugs. One bears the arms of Amsterdam and the other a comical face.

TEACHING CADETS BY BRAILLE

A former R.A.F. sergeant, John Shonfield, is now giving weekly lectures on engineering to A.T.C. cadets at Reading. Behind that simple statement is a fine story of the never-say-die spirit of a man who lost his sight and his left hand in the war, became a telephone operator, and then decided that he could be useful to others in his spare time.

Mr. Shonfield started his spare-time service by borrowing a tape recorder from St. Dunstan's. While he was at work his wife read aloud from a training manual with the recorder in motion. During the evenings he played back the recorder and operated his one-hand Braille writer until he had enough material for 12 one-hour lectures.

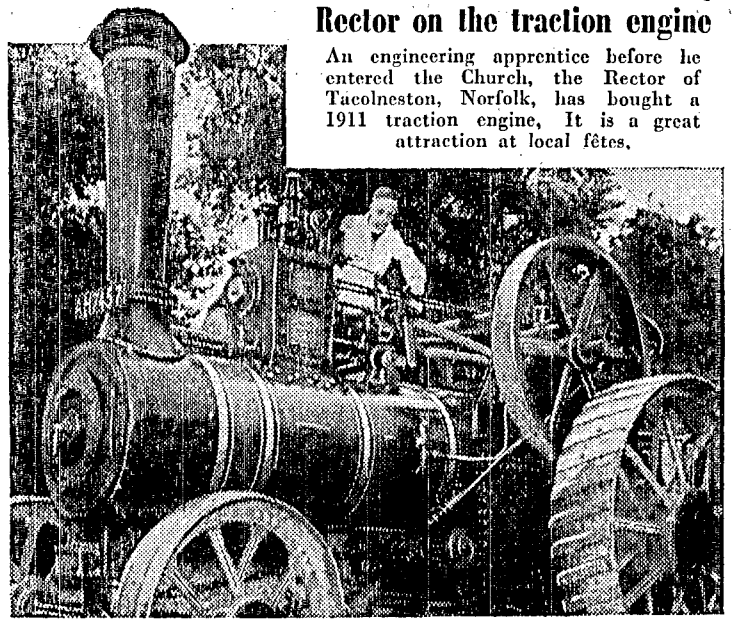
"Now I feel I am doing something really constructive and am very happy," says Mr. Shonfield; and it need hardly be added that his young audiences are models of attention.

Pupil opens school

Eleven-year-old Barbara Nicholson of Hopton, Suffolk, performed the opening ceremony of her new school the other day. She made a speech to assembled members of the Education Committee, the school governors, and the parents, and was presented with a special key as a souvenir.

Rector on the traction engine

An engineering apprentice before he entered the Church, the Rector of Tacolneston, Norfolk, has bought a 1911 traction engine. It is a great attraction at local fêtes.



THREE SIGNS OF RAIN

A lady who has been providing the Air Ministry with daily weather readings for 35 years firmly believes in certain examples of weather-lore which have been handed down from the country-folk of Derbyshire.

She is Mrs. Winifred Pilkington, of Buxton, Derbyshire, and she has found that three of these old traditions are particularly reliable.

One forecast is provided by grazing cattle. If they feed at the top of the hill, it will be fine.

If they graze at the bottom, rain is on the way. Another is that if rooks fly low and return to their nests early in the day, bad weather is near. The third is that if the scarlet pimpernel closes its flower in the daytime, look out for rain.

"I have proved these over and over again," says Mrs. Pilkington. "I can forecast the weather well from signs such as these, but, of course, to the Air Ministry I send only the facts and figures they want."



In Central Park, New York, there is a statue of Hans Andersen holding one of his books of fairy tales. A young enthusiast has climbed up to read what is written there.

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GIRLS PREFER SMALL DOLLS

21st birthday of Regional Round

MORE than 1700 girls have written to Leila Williams about dolls. With Christopher Trace, 21-year-old Leila is seen every week in BBC Children's TV introducing Blue Peter, the magazine for younger viewers.

Since Leila showed the beautiful

Italian doll in our picture, girls all over Britain have responded to her request to send in postcards voting for the sort of doll they like best. As you probably know, it was eight-inch-tall Sally that proved most popular. Now Sally has given place to even tinier dolls—in fact, those suitable for dolls' houses.

Meanwhile, I hear that boys will be asked to write in soon about their favourite style of station for the model studio railway that is getting bigger and bigger every week.

Leila Williams, who comes from Walsall, near Birmingham, was Miss Great Britain of 1957. After training at the Birmingham Theatre School, she came to London earlier this year to act in films. Soon she found herself one of the six hostesses taking part in Six-Five Special.

Christopher Trace, who looks after the boys' interests in Blue Peter, was formerly an Army officer.



THERE were some tense moments a fortnight ago in the BBC Children's Hour department before David Davis, Geoffrey Dearmer, and Josephine Plummer planned the rehearsal of Regional Round's 21st birthday party which we can hear on Saturday.

No sooner had they claimed that Regional Round was the first-ever radio quiz when along came the challenge of Transatlantic Quiz. Someone thought that this programme had a longer record, beating Regional Round by a short head.

"It turned out all right in the end," "Jo" Plummer told me. "Regional Round began as Inter-Regional Spelling Competition on November 25, 1937. We checked up and found that the first Transatlantic Quiz was over two months later, on January 30, 1938. It was between students of Oxford University and Harvard, and was produced by Felix Felton, whom everybody now knows as the Mayor of Toytown."

Regional Round, still going

strong, was a success from the start. That very first programme in 1937 brought 1100 letters of praise.

Since 1942 Geoffrey Dearmer has been the gong-master. Derek McCulloch ("Uncle Mac") acted as chairman until his retirement in 1951, when "David" took over. Josephine Plummer is score-keeper.

As you know, all the BBC Regions take part in the quiz, which is held about every six weeks. Each Region is represented by a boy and a girl answering spelling and general knowledge questions.

It is quite a feat of organisation by the BBC engineers. Everybody in every studio wears headphones, and everybody can hear everybody else, thanks to a nation-wide link-up

from the central control room at Broadcasting House, London.

London children have done exceptionally well in recent contests, but they do not have things all their own way. Some of the strongest opposition has come from Scotland.

All the competitors, by the way, are aged 13—a lucky age, as the success of this programme proves.



Dark doings on the air

How to control models by radio

A STORY so fanciful that it could not be tackled on television begins a radio serial run in BBC Children's Hour on Friday. It is The Midnight Folk by John Masefield, the Poet Laureate, and is the children's fantasy he wrote before The Box of Delights, which has already given great pleasure to listeners.

Last June John Masefield celebrated his 80th birthday. John Keir Cross has adapted The Midnight Folk for radio as a special tribute. The Poet Laureate was so pleased with the script that he has sent producer Josephine Plummer some paintings he recently did of ships in full sail.

Said Miss Plummer: "We hope listeners who enjoyed The Box of Delights will find The Midnight

Folk equally enchanting. At first we felt it could never be adapted for Children's Hour."

The hero is Kay Harker (played by Patricia Hayes), a little boy living in a rambling old Cotswolds house, who is bent on proving that his great-great-grandfather did not steal the fabulous treasure of Santa Barbara cathedral in South America. The story ranges over 100 years. We meet some of the same characters as in The Box of Delights, including Kay's governess, Miss Sylvia Daisy (Jill Balcon), the menacing villain Abner Brown (Robert Eddison), and the friendly Rat (Norman Shelley).

Rat sets the note from the start with his warning: "There will be dark doings."

A BIG water tank is being set up in Studio E at Lime Grove for Friday's Experiment programme by scientist Arthur Garrett in BBC Children's TV. The idea is to show how anyone can build a miniature transmitter for the remote control of models by radio.

Boats are the easiest models to experiment on in the studio—that is why Mr. Garrett is having the tank. There will be two radio-equipped boats working, as well as an amphibian craft.

It will be shown how a model sailing yacht can be radio-controlled, too, with electrical gadgets for raising and lowering the sails. There will also be a model plane in the studio.

FRIDAY BOWS OUT ON FRIDAY

FRIDAY THE GOLLIWOG will be making his last bow for some time when Redvers Kyle introduces his little friend once more in Nutshell, in Associated-Rediffusion, this Friday. The reason is that Nutshell is to have a holiday until after Christmas.

As you probably know, young viewers voted for Friday as his name, partly because he is black, partly because he always turns up on that day. Redvers Kyle has been telling me that Friday has had a lot to do with restoring golliwogs to popularity again.

Friday was made by Redvers Kyle's stepmother in Johannesburg, where she lives with Redvers' two young half-brothers (aged eight and five). She had just made two golliwogs for them when Redvers was in South Africa a few months ago. "I'd like one, too," he said. So in due course along came Golliwog No. 3 to act as his mascot.

This last Nutshell will deal with

the life of Charles Dickens. There will be dramatic excerpts from one of the novelist's best-loved stories, A Christmas Carol.

Taking Nutshell's place will be Harlequinade, a fortnightly series

showing how the traditional story of Harlequin and Columbine is performed in its homeland, Italy, and also in France. The series will finish on Boxing Day with Harlequinade in modern dress.



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NEW FILMS

TWO TALES OF BRAVERY

WAR is vile and senseless, but it often gives rise to noble deeds. Bravery and resource, tolerance and mutual respect are brought out, often in individuals from whom it might not have been expected.

It is often good that we should be reminded of these facts on the screen and the result makes gripping entertainment. Two new war films, both British and both very good, have just been shown. They are *Sea of Sand* and *I Was Monty's Double*. Both, in differing ways, spotlight courage and a dedication to duty.

trusts the rules of war laid down by staff college. But both learn to admire each other's courage.

With them are some brave soldiers just doing a job they hate. They all want to get home, with the whole evil business over and done with. But the job has to be finished. So the dump is blown up and then, somehow, they have to get back with their vital information. Hungry, thirsty, tired and afraid, they struggle over the desert sands.

They have grumbled. They have quarrelled. They would hate to be called heroes. But they were.



Captain Williams (John Gregson) and Captain Cotton (Michael Craig) in *Sea of Sand*.

Sea of Sand is an exciting story about men of the Long Range Desert Group who struck at the enemy lines of communication. They got results by methods that may not always have been in the Army text-books, but they did much to win the campaign.

Here is a simple tale of a patrol—a mere handful of men—in a few trucks which set out into the pitiless heat of the desert to blow up an enemy petrol dump on the eve of the decisive battle of Alamein. There are two officers who at first dislike each other: Michael Craig and John Gregson. John distrusts what he feels is a lack of discipline, because he is a Regular Army officer. Michael dis-

This film was shot entirely in the desert, and it is a splendid tribute to the Long Range Desert Group. It rings with truth, and, apart from John Gregson and Michael Craig, there are excellent performances by Richard Attenborough as an irrepressible Cockney driver, and by Percy Herbert, who, dying, is left behind with a machine gun and a radio on which he listens to Vera Lynn singing on the BBC.

"Go on," he told the others, "you'll never make it with me. I can hold off the Germans for a little while." They leave him... because that job had to be done. *Sea of Sand* is a moving film, yet with a lot of fun in it.

I WAS MONTY'S DOUBLE shows another, real-life aspect of war. But this story is about a battle of wits. It tells the true

story of a little-known actor who impersonated General Montgomery during the war. In the film the same man, Clifton James, now repeats the part he played in the war, playing himself and the General. It is a fine piece of acting.

Because of his extraordinary likeness to General Montgomery, Clifton James was called on to impersonate the famous soldier. The enemy was expecting the Allied invasion to come through France. Military Intelligence argued that if the Nazis could be fooled into thinking that the invasion would come from somewhere else,

Catterick in Roman days

The new line of the Great North Road, which is being altered to by-pass the Yorkshire village of Catterick, takes it across the River Swale, where the ancient Roman road called Dere Street crossed on its way from Eboracum (York) to Hadrian's Wall. Excavations for the by-pass have brought to light evidence that the Roman station where Catterick stands—Cataractonium (place of the waterfall)—was a bigger and more important settlement than had been supposed.

It was known that there was a fortress covering nine acres, and also a large settlement, on the south bank of the river; but the new finds show that there was also another settlement on the north bank.

INDUSTRIAL SUBURB

A series of hearths which seem to have been used for smelting suggest that it was an industrial suburb of Cataractonium. Lead and other minerals were mined in Swaledale in Roman times.

A coin struck in A.D. 87 and a tile of the Sixth Legion are among the articles found.

As more excavations are made, it is hoped that new finds will tell more of this important Roman military site, within easy reach of Catterick Camp, where tens of thousands of young men have started their Army service.

AIRLINER THAT VANISHED

A 27-year-old mystery has been solved with the discovery of a wrecked airliner in the Australian Alps, in New South Wales. The airliner was the Southern Cloud, which, with two pilots and six passengers aboard, left Sydney for Melbourne one morning in 1931 and was never heard of again.

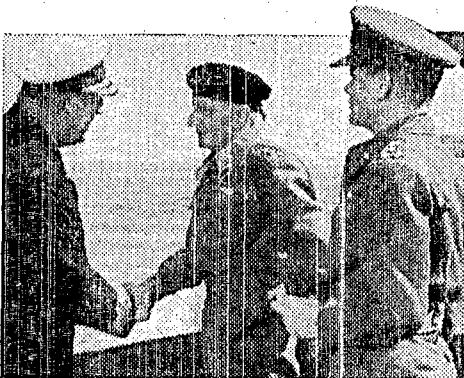
The wreckage of the plane, a three-engined Fokker which carried no radio, was found in dense forest at the top of a 5000-foot ridge. Presumably the plane crashed during a fierce storm that is known to have been raging.

say, North Africa, this could prove a master stroke. So Clifton James was called upon to play his greatest part. It called for intelligence, patience, and nerve.

He was trained for weeks, watching every move and gesture of Monty. Then he went on a tour of North Africa, inspecting troops. The Intelligence people made sure that the Nazis would know of this tour and they fell for the giant hoax. As a result they moved several divisions from France to North Africa, and this clever plan helped the Normandy invasion greatly.

John Mills and Cecil Parker play the officers who devised this trick and helped to see the actor through his dangerous mission. Again there is a lot of humour mingled with the excitement.

Here in two films are two forms of bravery which make the blood stir, and it is good to know that there are men and women who are prepared, at any risk, to put country before self.



Monty (Clifton James) Rear Admiral Wentworth (Captain Watkins, R.N.), and Major Harvey (John Mills) in a scene from *I Was Monty's Double*.

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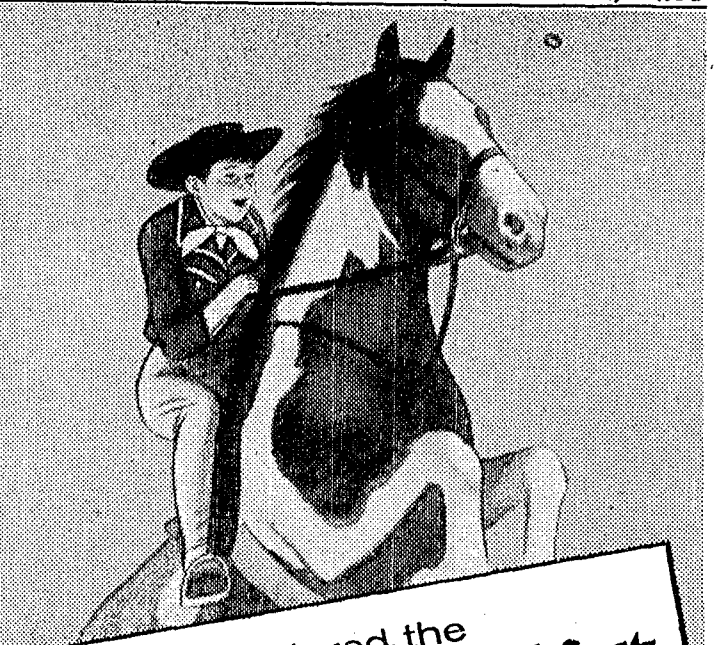
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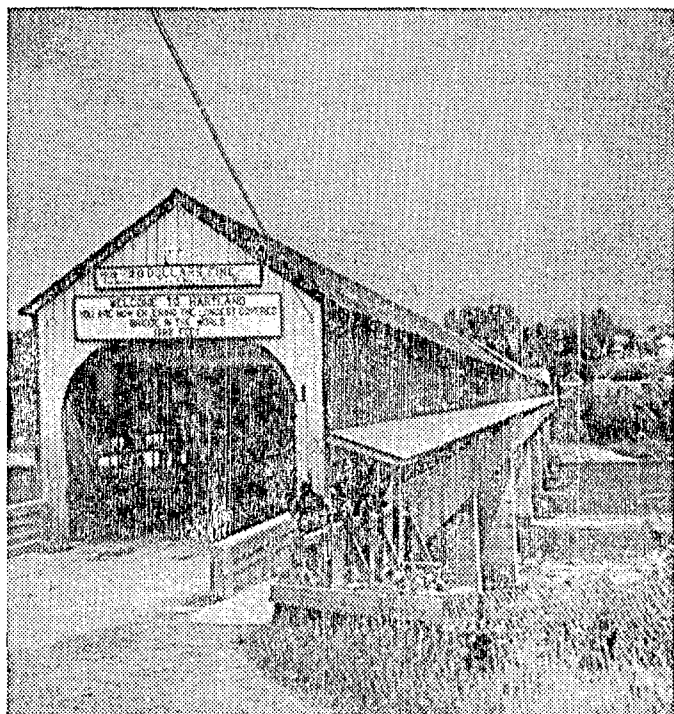
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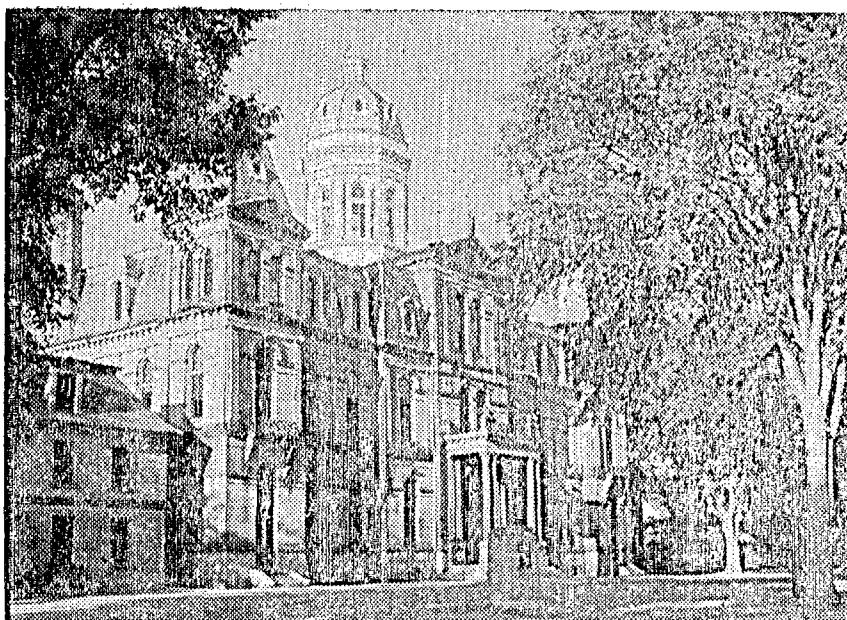
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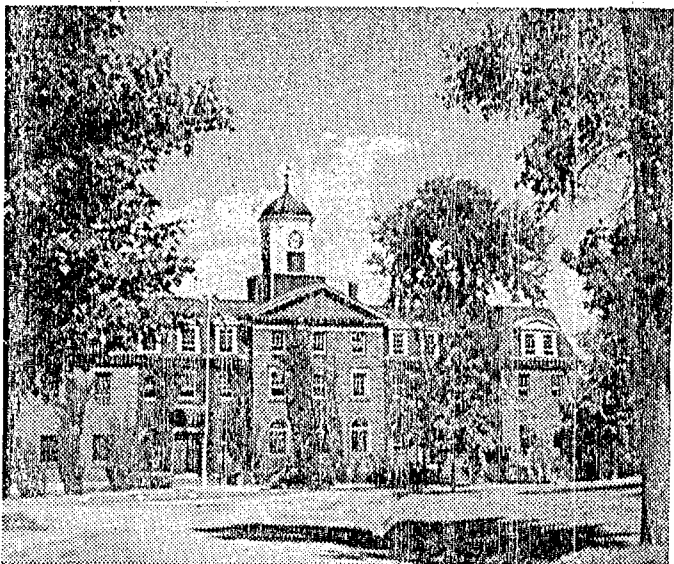
World's longest covered bridge—at Hartland, near the U.S. border



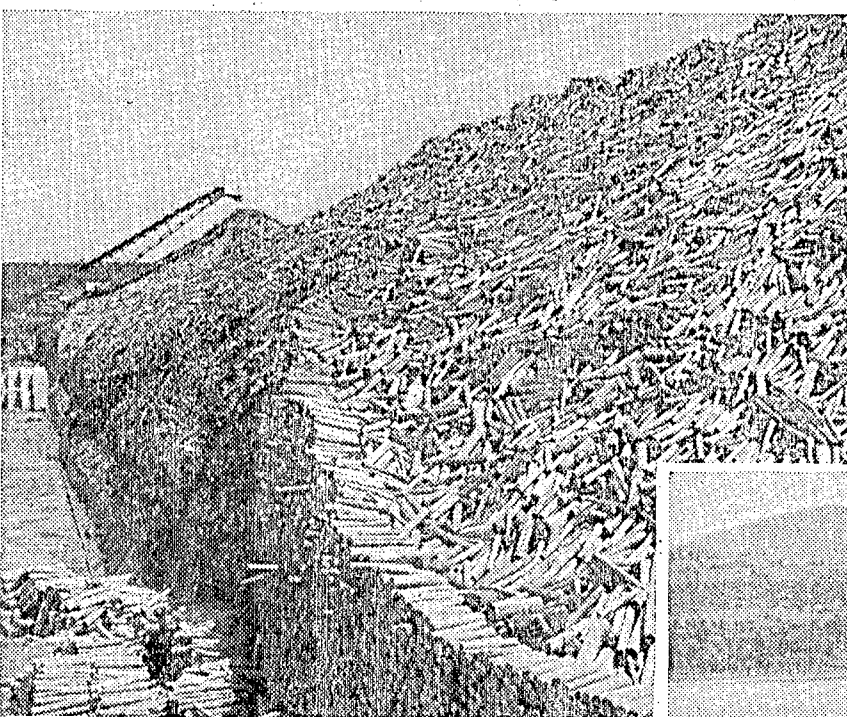
Provincial Legislative Building at Fredericton, capital of New Brunswick

CANADA'S beautiful east coast province of New Brunswick has an area of 27,985 square miles, a little less than that of Scotland. The population is about 577,000, mainly of British descent. Fredericton, the capital, has some 16,200 citizens. The biggest town is the port of St. John, with over 85,000 people.

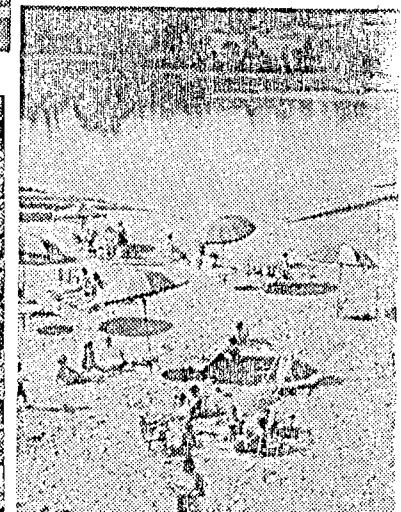
NEW BRUNSWICK is one of the four original provinces of the Dominion of Canada. Jacques Cartier landed on its shores in 1534 and was followed in 1604 by two more French explorers, Samuel de Champlain and the Sieur de Monts. There was little settlement until the 18th century, when colonists arrived from Britain and from the New England colonies which broke away from the Motherland. In 1784 it was separated from Nova Scotia as a separate British province. In 1867



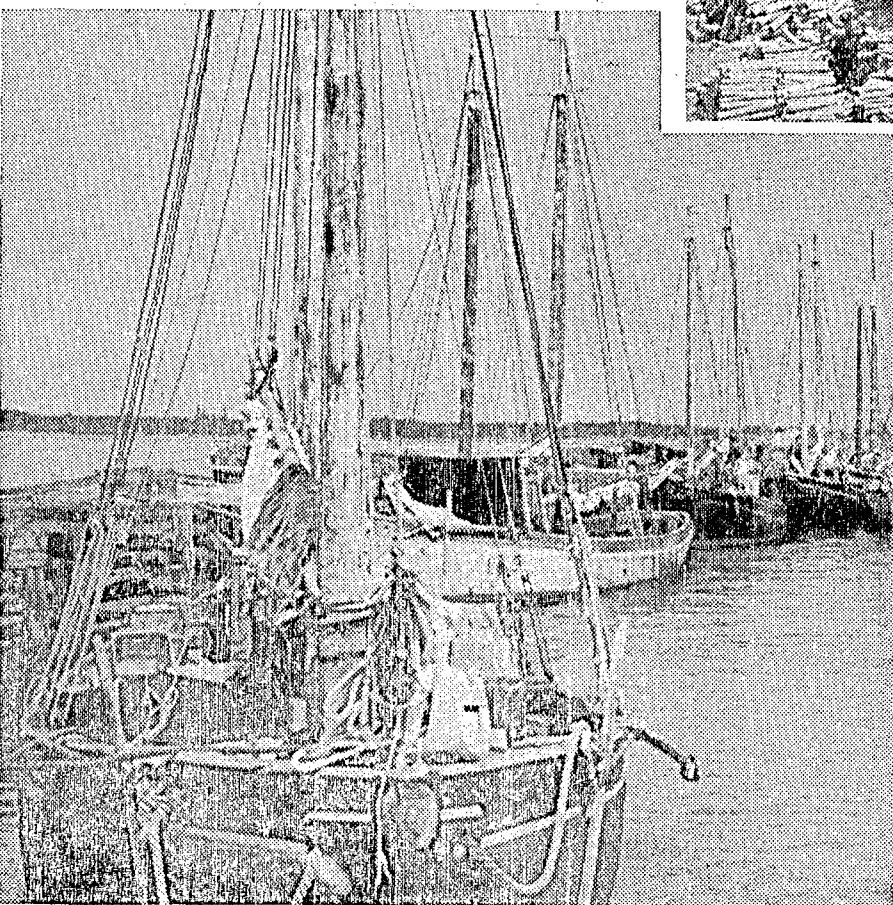
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Stacking logs in a vast pile at Bathurst



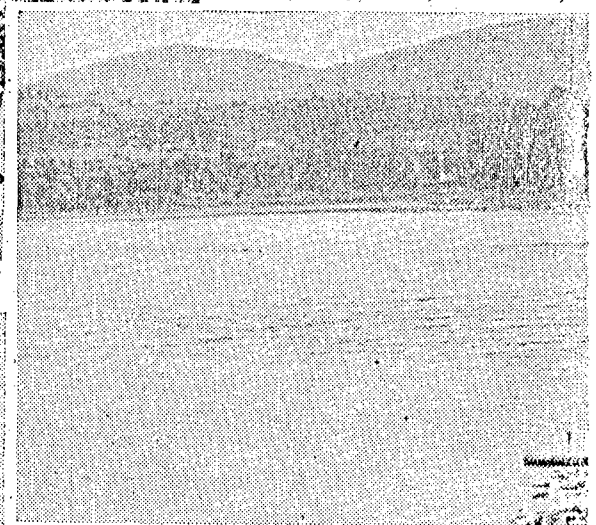
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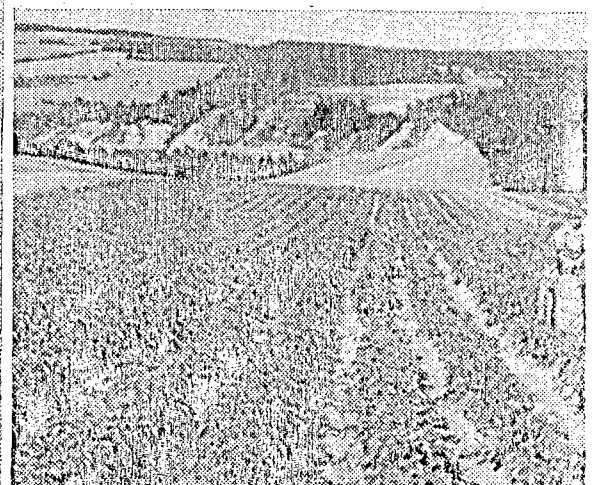
Fishing boats at a wharf on Shippigan Island



Cable car of lighthouse-keeper in Fundy Bay



Largest river is the St. John, flow



Broad acres of fertile l

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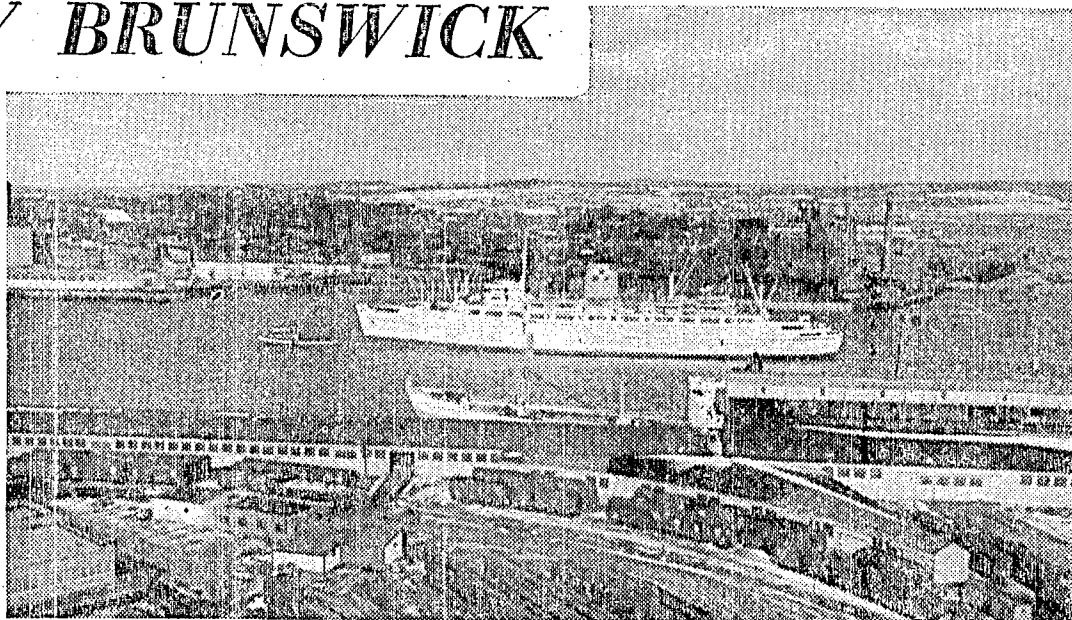
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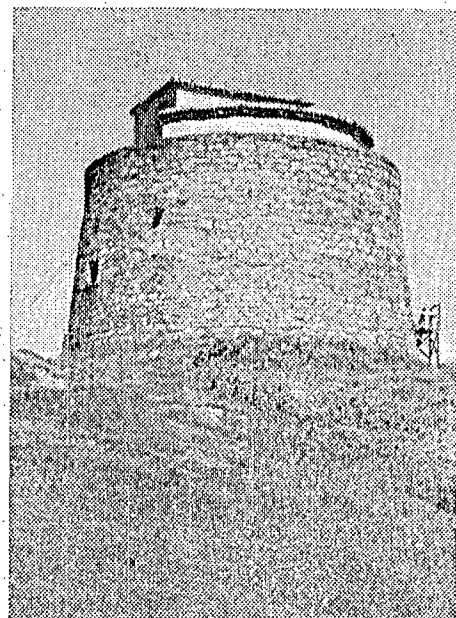
it joined Quebec, Nova Scotia, and Ontario to form the new Dominion of Canada.

The basic industries of New Brunswick are farming, forestry, and fishing. Among the fish caught are herring, cod, haddock, trout, salmon, sardines, lobsters, and oysters. The farmers produce 85 per cent of Canada's seed potato crop, and there is fruit-growing and dairy-farming on a large scale. The forests—haunt of deer, bear, and moose—cover more than three-quarters of New Brunswick's total area. Timber is exported in great quantities, but pulp and paper now rival lumber products. The chief minerals are coal, iron, manganese, tungsten, and limestone.

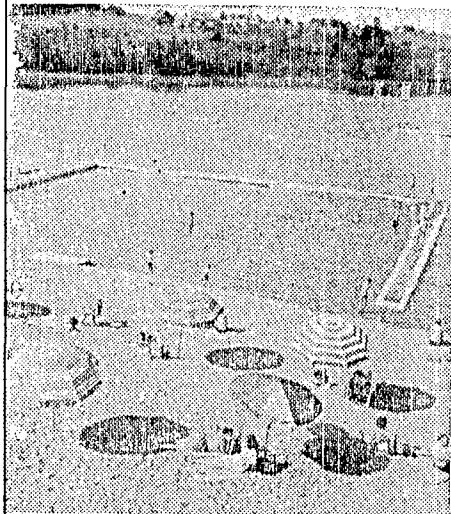
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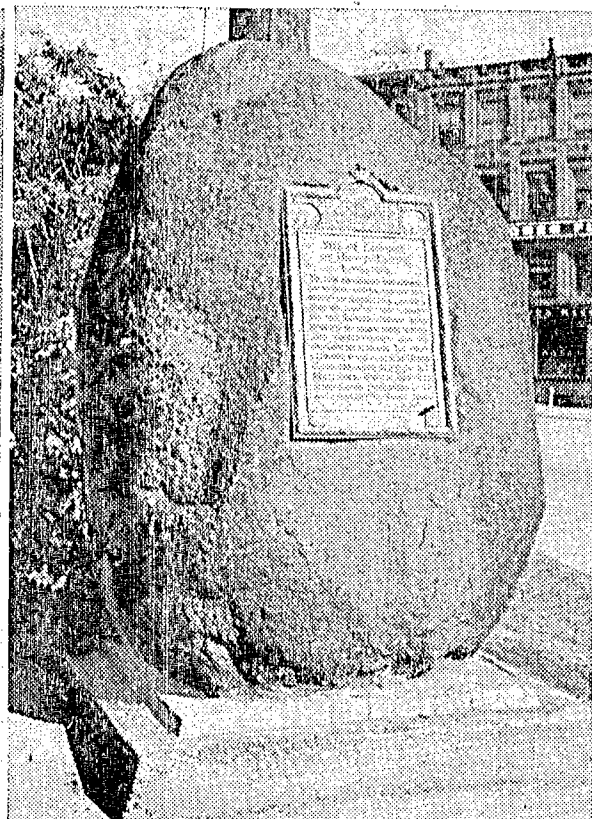
Big liners like the Empress of Britain can use the port of St. John all the year round



Fort built at St. John in the 1812 war with U.S.A.



One of the many good bathing beaches



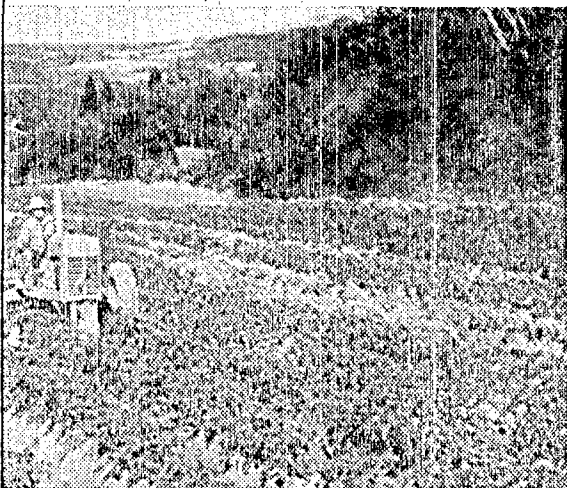
Stone at St. John showing where loyalists from U.S. landed in 1783 after the War of Independence



The broad Miramichi River whose name means "Happy Retreat"



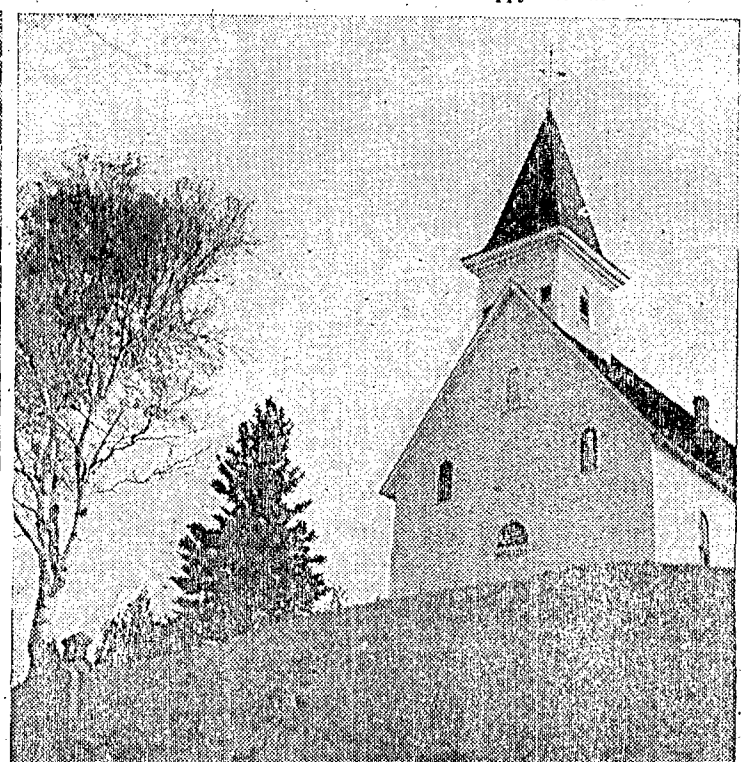
Boat on the Bay of Fundy, 450 miles to the Bay of Fundy



They yield fine potatoes



The canning of sardines is an important industry



Hilltop church at Kincardine built by early Presbyterian settlers

The man who created Donald Duck and Company

In any cinema in the world, when the titles flash on the screen to announce Donald Duck, or Pluto, or Goofy, the spectators settle down to enjoy themselves to the full.

And this is the reaction of the whole audience, of whatever nationality, young or old.

It is the universal tribute to Walt Disney, and now the elder of his two daughters, Diane, pays a personal tribute to her famous father in a biography written in collaboration with Pete Martin. "Walt Disney," (published by Odhams at 21s.), gives a heart-warming account of a career which has long brought delight to millions of people.

Born in Chicago in 1901, the son of a carpenter, Walt Disney was only a small boy when his family moved to a farm in Missouri, and doubtless it was those early years spent among farmyard animals and birds that sowed the seeds of his intense love for living creatures.



Happy

Walt showed early signs of a talent for drawing, and when he was about seven a neighbouring doctor who owned a fine horse asked the boy to sketch it for him. The result so pleased the doctor that he bought the drawing for a nickel—the first money Walt Disney ever earned by his art.

Times were hard for farming and in 1910 the family moved to Kansas City, to live on a newspaper delivery round. Young Walt and his elder brother Roy helped their father to deliver the papers, a job that meant getting

up at 3.30 in the morning and tramping the streets in all weathers.

At the age of 16, Walt Disney found himself back in Chicago, working in a jelly factory and attending art classes in his spare time. The First World War was on then, and by concealing his



Pluto



Donald Duck



Dumbo

true age he managed to get into a Red Cross ambulance unit as a driver, and to serve in France.

His return to civilian life saw the beginning of a long, hard struggle to make a living as a commercial artist. The turning point came in 1920, when he joined a little firm which made short animated film cartoons for advertisements in cinemas.

He did not invent the animated cartoon, but as the years went by he developed and improved it with great artistry and imagination. But the making of moving cartoons, composed of many thousands of separate drawings, is a long, difficult, and very costly process, calling for the work of a large staff, even before the days of sound and colour films. Walt was fortunate in having his businesslike brother Roy to look after the vast organisation that grew out of those early black-and-white Mickey Mouse "shorts."

One of the secrets of Walt Disney's success has been a restless nature which has kept him always seeking for something new,

and it was this which led him to embark on the first full-length cartoon, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. It was to pave the way for Pinocchio, Dumbo, Bambi, and many another film, the very names of which now summon up remembrance of enchantment.

It was Walt Disney's search for

pastures new that caused him to send out naturalist cameramen to film wild life, and the first result was the wonderful Seal Island picture, made off Alaska. Others followed—Beaver Valley, The Living Desert, The Vanishing Prairie, and so on—and each has become a classic of Nature photography.

For all his worldly success, Walt Disney has remained a boy. He still delights in being the engine-driver on the model railway which takes his friends for rides round his garden.

In recent times Walt has been sharing his fun with everyone who can get to the great Disneyland amusement park near Los Angeles. There he has built up some of his fantasies in three solid dimensions and provided all kinds of romantic rides and adventures for the delight not only of children but of everyone who, like himself, is still young at heart.

Happy the man who remains young at heart! Happy the artist who has been able to bring happiness to countless millions!

GREAT WORKER FOR THE WORKERS

It is hard for us to realise that less than 150 years ago British children, often mites of six or seven, were toiling in factories for more than 12 hours a day. Yet it is true, and one of the men who helped to bring this shameful business to an end was Robert Owen, who died on November 17 just 100 years ago.

Son of a saddler and ironmonger, Robert Owen was born in Newtown, Montgomeryshire, in 1771. He was a bright boy and was teaching other children at school by the time he was seven. At 19 he became manager of a cotton mill, and at 30 he was partner in a mill employing 2000 people at New Lanark.

It was there, between 1800 and 1828, that he put into practice his ideas on factory reform. He arranged that five per cent of all profits should go to the owners and the remainder be spent on bettering the conditions of the employees. He made his factories fit places to work in; he improved



Robert Owen

the houses of his workers; he started a school for their children, with kindness as the guiding principle of their education; and he refused to employ children under the age of 12 in his factory.

This was not his only contribution to welfare work. In various ways Robert Owen strove all his days to improve the lot of his fellows. He was a great worker for the workers. Like all other men who achieve great things, he had his failures; but his successes helped to make Britain a better country to live in.

Robert Owen was among those who paved the way for other good men to follow. His name will shine for ever in the annals of social reform.

BATTLE AGAINST SAND

Only an hour's motor drive from the city of Auckland, New Zealand, a small army of foresters is winning a long battle with the sand.

It has been drifting inland from the flat coast at Muriwai Beach for many centuries and is now 30 miles long and up to four miles

wide. Altogether there is a total of 32,000 acres of sand and this area is the battleground for the foresters.

Up to now they have planted 14,000 acres with marram grass and lupins, two hardy plants which thrive in sand. As soon as the plants have checked the drift the foresters plant quick-growing pine trees.

Last year the foresters planted 400 acres with trees and in a few years there will be a continuous barrier of lupins and pine trees along this sandy coast.

For centuries to come the pine forests established on this 32,000 acres of sand should provide timber and paper pulp to serve the needs of more and more New Zealanders.

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HEREWARD THE WAKE—picture-version of Charles Kingsley's tale of Saxon England (7)



Hereward heard of Torfrida's beauty, and in a tournament he defeated a knight who wore in his helmet the lady's favour, a ribbon. In accordance with the customs of chivalry, the armour, that whoever lost it in battle should Hereward presented the favour to Torfrida. She was delighted, for she no longer cared for the other knight. Hereward was her hero now. "Take my favour and wear it before all the world," she said. "Guard it as only you can."



She took from her treasure chest a suit of armour and offered it to him. But she warned him that one of her forefathers had placed a "curse" on the armour, that whoever lost it in battle should die without a son to carry on his name. None of her ancestors had dared wear it. Thus challenged, he accepted the gift, and afterwards wore the "enchanted" armour while serving the Marquis of Flanders in Holland.



Hereward distinguished himself in the Dutch campaign, and returned to marry Torfrida, and but promised to swear fealty to him if he won, to settle down at St. Omer to the life of a rich baron. For the time being, he was tired of Hastings. Some time later a party of English fighting. Then a message came from William, Duke of Normandy, inviting Hereward to join out of their homes by the Normans and had lost him in his invasion of England. As an Englishman Hereward was most unwilling to go, but ravages and cruelties in his native land roused Torfrida advised him to send a civil reply.



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How will the news affect Hereward's pledge to the Normans? See next week's instalment



Grand new story about the boys of Linbury Court

JENNINGS, AS USUAL

by Anthony Buckeridge

Owing to his misguided efforts to retrieve a confiscated penknife, Jennings is forbidden by Mr. Wilkins to attend the Christmas party. When he finds the master's missing fountain pen he plans to go to the party dressed as Father Christmas in order to restore the property to its owner. Unknown to Jennings, Mr. Wilkins himself has been persuaded to attend the party in the rôle of Father Christmas.

24. The Christmas Spirit

It was not the custom at Linbury Court School to make elaborate preparations for the end-of-term party. There were, however, a few concessions to the festive season: the dining hall was decorated with a Christmas tree, and tea was provided on a more generous scale than usual. In spite of its modest aims, the party was the most eagerly-awaited event of the autumn term; for it meant that work was done with and the spirit of Christmas was in the air.

The party had been going for little more than ten minutes when Darbshire slipped unobtrusively into the dining hall. With a garbled excuse to Mr. Carter to cover his late arrival, he hurried to his seat, fearful lest his plate of ham and tomatoes would be whisked away before he had time to eat it.

"Where on earth have you been?" demanded Venables, who was impatiently waiting for the next course to be served.

"Oh, nowhere special," Darbshire replied evasively. "Or, rather—I can't tell you now. It's a sort of secret."

The thought that he alone knew

what was about to happen almost caused him to choke with excitement over his ham and tomatoes. With a broad grin of anticipation he flashed a glance at the top table, where the unsuspecting Mr. Wilkins would be sitting; and then the grin faded and his eyes opened wide in shocked surprise. . . . Mr. Wilkins wasn't there! In fact, Mr. Wilkins wasn't anywhere in the room at all!

This was a disaster! This was the end of the carefully prepared plot! What on earth would old Jen do when, in a matter of seconds, he made his spectacular entrance? It was too late now to warn him. It was too late to do anything at all but watch in embarrassed silence as Jennings faced his dilemma. . . . Slowly it dawned on Darbshire that he did not, after all, know what was going to happen next!

It was at this moment that Mr. Carter rang the bell and called for silence.

Welcome visitor

"You'll be interested to hear that a most welcome visitor has promised to come along and join us this evening," he announced with a smile. "Indeed, judging from the sleigh parked in the bicycle shed and the team of reindeer grazing on the football pitch, I think that our guest has already arrived and is waiting to come in."

Mr. Wilkins was prompt on his cue. He knocked on the door seven times in a distinct and rhythmic tattoo.

All heads turned towards the sound, and thus it was that only a few of the boys were aware of a curious sort of echo which came a moment later from the door at the opposite end of the room. But Darbshire heard it and knew only too well what it was!

Then the door from the kitchen swung open to reveal a tall, burly, red-robed Father Christmas standing on the threshold.

There was a gasp of surprise and delight; and while the shock wave was still running round the room there followed an even greater surprise, which set the astounded onlookers goggling in speechless amazement. . . . For almost at the same moment that Mr. Wilkins was

making his entrance from the kitchen, the door at the far end of the dining hall was flung wide and in came a small-scale parody of the tall figure, swathed from head to foot in red blanket and with festoons of cotton wool precariously gummed about its face.

The two Father Christmases came to an abrupt halt and stood staring at each other in puzzled wonder, while the rest of the school swivelled their gaze from end to end of the room like

Beginning Next Week

LIVING DANGEROUSLY

by Garry Hogg

A new series of articles about men who work at great risk to their lives. The first of the series will be

THE TEST PILOT

spectators at a tennis match. Then, curious to know what was afoot, Mr. Wilkins began to walk down the room. So did Jennings.

Slowly master and boy advanced past the now silent tables until they met in the middle of the room by the Christmas tree. One glance at the wide-awake eyes peering up at him through the fleecy foliage enabled Mr. Wilkins to identify the uninvited guest.

"Well, well! This is certainly a change in the advertised programme, Jennings," he said pleasantly. "May one inquire the reason for this astounding coincidence?"

"Well, sir, I'm not really supposed to be here at all because of—er—what you said, sir," Jennings explained. "But I just looked in for a moment to wish you the comps. of the season and to give you a present, sir." And he produced a fountain pen which he solemnly handed to his towering colleague.

Fair exchange

The taller Father Christmas stared in surprise. Then he accepted the gift with a smile of gratitude. "My fountain pen! How splendid!" he beamed. "That's extremely kind of you, Jennings—er—Santa Claus minor. I should say. And very clever of you to have found it."

"That's all right, sir," said Santa Claus minor.

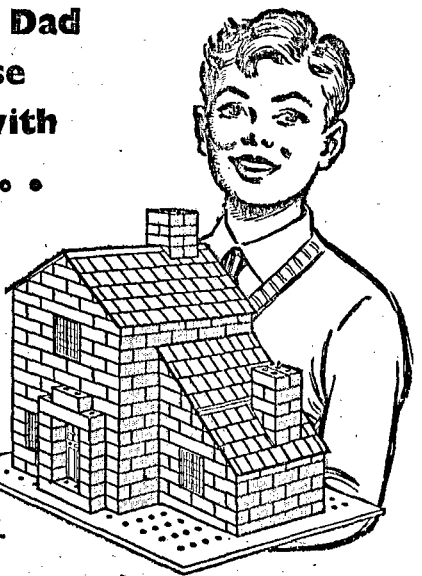
"Now let me see if I can return the compliment," Mr. Wilkins went on. From a pocket beneath

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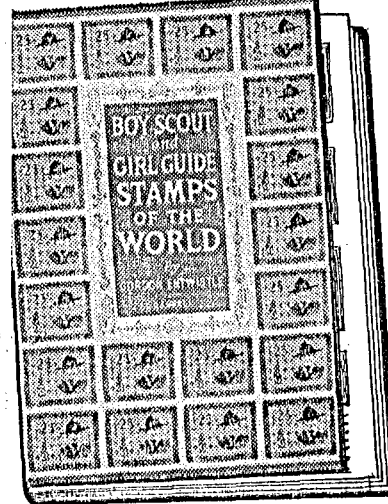
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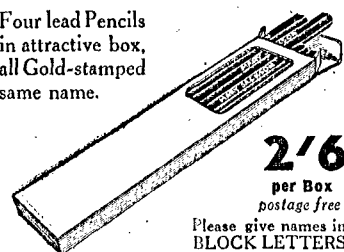


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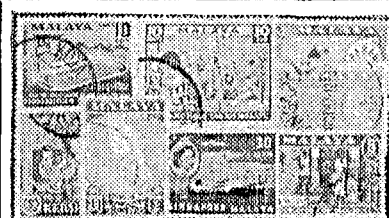


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WHO'S WHO AT THE ZOO

The kiwi is changing its diet

THE kiwi sent to the London Zoo last month as a gift from the New Zealand Government, is gradually being persuaded to change its diet. "Earthworms, on which the kiwi normally lives, and of which it takes anything up to 200 a day, are being obtained in sufficient quantities at the moment," an official tells me.

"Many of these are found by the Zoo's gardeners; others are sent down from a 'worm farm' in Scotland. But we have to look forward to the time, in mid-winter, when earthworms may become scarce. So we are gradually introducing the kiwi to a diet of shredded meat. Fortunately, there seems to be no difficulty about this. The kiwi today is taking not only its potful of worms, but helps itself eagerly to meat."

Meanwhile, the kiwi, named Busby, is on show daily at the ostrich house, for 20 minutes only—from 2.30 to 2.50 p.m.—and is getting quite a little crowd of visitors. On emerging from its sleeping kennel, Busby runs around digging up the worms which have been buried in the sand by its keeper.

Devoted mother centipede

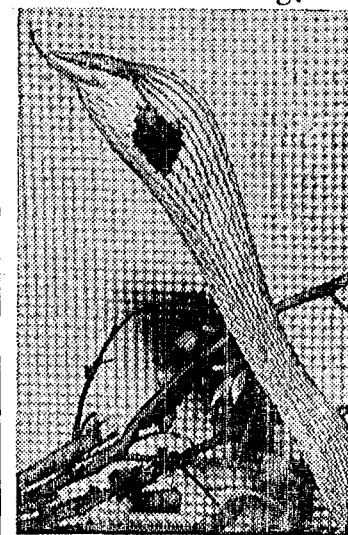
Centre of interest at the insect house laboratory just now is a five-inch East African centipede which is devotedly tending a clutch of newly-laid eggs.

"The centipede was caught for us a few months ago by Dr. W. M. Fitzsimmons, of the veterinary research laboratory at Blantyre, Nyasaland," said Mr. George Ashby, overseer of the insect section. "We had the creature on exhibition until the other day, when we found she had laid a clutch of about a dozen eggs. Then we removed her to the laboratory for special attention. The eggs are yellow, glassy-looking objects about half as big as peas, and the centipede has coiled herself around them, clasping the clutch firmly to

her body with her innumerable legs, holding on to them as affectionately as a cat with a litter of kittens.

"Normally this centipede feeds upon cockroaches. But just now she has lost her appetite and will probably not feed again until her eggs hatch. It is some years since we last bred this species. One thing, however, is certain. The babies, if and when they materialise, will hardly become 'pets.' They will be as dangerous as their mother is, the species having a very poisonous bite."

Swollen with anger



A recent arrival at London Zoo is this Kirtlands Tree Snake from Nyasaland. When angry it blows out its neck to eight times normal size.

Family expected for the viper

Another interesting family is expected shortly at the reptile house. This is a brood for one of the menagerie's most deadly snakes, a three-foot Gaboon viper, received with her mate from East Africa last year.

"We last bred the Gaboon viper several years ago but unfortunately none of the babies survived," said Mr. R. A. Lanworn, overseer of the reptile section. "These vipers produce a brood of anything up to 20, and the young snakes, which measure only about eight inches when born, are rather troublesome to look after. They are cannibalistic, and we have to isolate each baby viper as soon as possible after the birth. Fortunately, the mother snake has no objection to this, as she has no maternal instinct whatever."

CRAVEN HILL

JENNINGS, AS USUAL

Continued from page 9

his robe he extracted a battered penknife which he presented to his junior partner. "There you are, Jennings. I shall be honoured if you will accept this—ah—this little gift with my best wishes."

"Oh, thank you, sir—I mean Father Christmas, sir," Jennings said as he pocketed his precious possession. "You couldn't have given me a better present, honestly, sir."

At that, a thunderous burst of applause rang out from the feasters in the dining hall. This mutual exchange of gifts was, they felt, well in keeping with the spirit of the occasion. Besides, what better present could anyone wish for than to have his own lost or confiscated property restored in such a seasonable manner?

Important matter

Jennings shuffled his feet awkwardly. There was still one important matter which had not been mentioned. Now was the time, he decided, to broach the subject with a broad hint.

"I suppose I really ought to be going now, sir," he said diffidently. "I only just—sort of—looked in to give you your pen. You see, I found it in the stationery cupboard, and you said I'd got to tidy it up instead of coming to the party, sir."

The taller Father Christmas was quick to take the hint. "Tut, tut,

That was very careless of me," he said, smiling through his beard. "However, after this unexpected display of goodwill, I can't very well ask my junior colleague to withdraw, so you'd better stay on and join in the fun."

"Oh, thank you, Father—I mean, thank you, sir—er—Father Christmas, sir," Jennings stammered in delighted confusion. He was about to hurry away to his table when Mr. Wilkins laid a restraining hand on his shoulder.

"Just a minute, Jennings—or Santa Claus minor or Father Christmas Junior, or whatever you're supposed to be."

"Yes, sir?"

"We Father Christmases have a duty to perform," Mr. Wilkins said, waving a hand at the closely-packed tables round the room. "A message of seasonal goodwill to all these people who have come here to enjoy themselves. Let's deliver our greeting together, shall we?" Whereupon the two Father Christmases faced their audience and raised their voices in duet. "A very merry Christmas to you all!"

Home-made poetry

In deafening response the school echoed the greetings with full-throated cheers that set the windows rattling. As the dust settled, Darbishire's shrill voice could be heard above the tumult reciting a selection of his home-made poetry.

"And the same to you with lots of good cheer,

From yours truly, C. E. J. Darbi-SHIRE."

This provoked a round of applause for the poet, who, scarlet in the face with self-conscious pride, took a hasty drink of tea to cover his embarrassment. In his flurry he gulped down more than he intended and had to be slapped on the back by his neighbours.

Serious business

When at last order was restored, the smaller Father Christmas sat down in his place, hurriedly removing his fast-moulting whiskers. . . . He'd have to work fast, he told himself: the rest of the chaps had got to the jelly and custard stage already, and here he was with a whole plateful of ham and tomatoes to finish before he caught them up. . . . And after the jelly and custard there would be cakes and lemonade, and after that a film show.

Jennings glanced up from his plate and saw Darbishire grinning at him from across the table. Jennings grinned back: their last little scheme hadn't worked out quite as either of them had expected. . . . Still, it had been worth it. There was nothing like a good dose of festive spirit to round off the Christmas term.

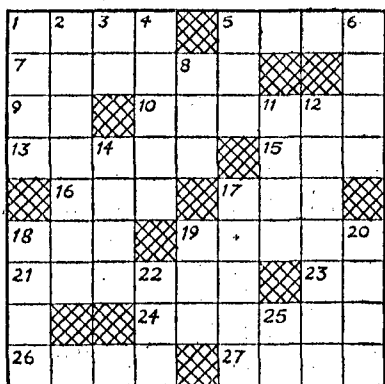
The End.

(Jennings, As Usual, will later be published by Messrs. Collins.)

PUZZLE PARADE

Crossword puzzle

READING ACROSS. 1 This or 5 An arc of a circle. 7 You could stay the night in one of these. 9 We. 10 Annoy. 13 Sedate. 15 Finish. 16 Conjunction. 17 Unhappy. 18 Era. 19 Fruit. 21 Grey alloy of tin and lead. 23 War Office. 24 Paths. 26 Jealousy. 27 Manufactured. READING DOWN. 1 So. 2 Person held as pledge. 3 In a certain place. 4 Lukewarm. 5 Donkey. 6 Firm or solid. 8 Showed the way. 11 Side. 12 Provided for or enriched. 14 Afresh. 17 Used for vaccination. 18 Recess in a church. 19 The lion. 20 You have only one on your face. 22 Attempt. 25 Territorial Army. Answer next week



HIDDEN TEST MEN

The names of two England cricketers now touring Australia are hidden in the paragraph below.

"I WILL ask Hamil tonight if he will be fit to play," said Ted. "No, we must decide now; at so near the date of our most important fixture we can take no chances," the skipper replied. "We shall miss him," sighed Sam. "His solid defence is just the thing to tire their fast bowler."

ODD WOMAN OUT

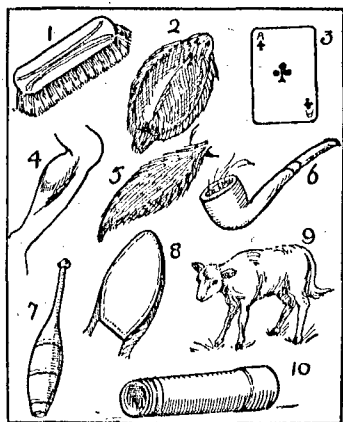
Who is the odd woman out in this group of characters?

CELIA; Cordelia; Florence; Miranda; Ophelia; Portia; Rosalind; Viola.

CATCH QUESTION

WHAT is made longer while it is being cut?

PAIR THE PICTURES



IN the picture above there are ten objects; but in each case one object has the same name as another. Can you pair them?

JUST A FEW WORDS

HERE is an entertaining way to increase your knowledge of words. Each numbered sentence below is followed by three answers or comments you might make; but, in each case, only one is correct and shows that you have understood the meaning of the word in *italics*. To answer five correctly is very good.

Answers are given in column 3

- He suffered many *vicissitudes*.
A—Persecutions.
B—Warnings.
C—Ups and downs.
- This information *presages* trouble.
A—Foretells it.
B—Prevents it.
C—Excuses it.
- Your explanation is *plausible*.
A—Quite ridiculous.
B—Seems reasonable—on the surface.
C—Easily twisted.
- She has great *culinary* skill.
A—A good gardener.
B—A fine cook.
C—An expert needlewoman.
- It is bad to be *bigoted*.
A—Obstinate in one's beliefs.
B—Overweight.
C—Doubtful what to do.
- This boy had rather *invidious* treatment.
A—Careful supervision.
B—To make him stronger.
C—So as to incur ill-will from others.

CHOICE OF FISH

From the following letters form the names of four fish. Each letter must be used only once.

AA CC DDD EE HH I KKK OO P.

MAKE MINE MUSIC

Who had Fiddlers Three?
Who had bells on her toes?
Who blew up his horn?
Who sang for his supper?

BOUQUET

When you have sorted the jumbled names of the five familiar flowers below, arrange them so that the initial letters give the name of a sixth flower.

ELLIBAO SIRI PLNUI
EONAMEN NICTAROAN

WORD-SQUARE

WHAT I may take part in at playtime.
Continent.
Off the target.
Compass point.

WHAT AM I?

My first is in sole, and never in plaice;
My second's in trout, but never in dace;
My third is in whiting, also in ling;
My fourth is in carp, but not in herring;
My fifth is in mackerel, not in roach;
My sixth is in lamprey, also in loach;
My seventh's in eel, also in gudgeon;
My eighth's in blenny, but not in sturgeon;
My ninth's in flatfish, never in flounder;
My tenth's in perch, as well as in conger;
My eleventh's in bleak, though never in bream;
My whole is a fish oft found in a stream.

UNITE THE PEOPLE WITH THE COUNTRIES

The names of five famous people are given in the first list; below the list are the jumbled names of five countries with which the people are associated. Can you sort them out?

JOHN FOSTER DULLES
JOSEPH STALIN
PRESIDENT COTY
MAO TSE-TUNG
MR. MENZIES.

Tralasuai; Naceaz; Camrica; Asirsu; Hanci.

THE GOOD SHIP LET'S PRETEND

HIDDEN in our garden stands the good ship Let's Pretend. It takes us on long journeys and adventures without end. Underneath the Seven Seas, in quest of sunken gold; To islands where there's treasure, buried deep by pirates bold. It can change into a Space-ship which will shoot up in the air. To encircle Mars or Venus and the other Planets there. Of course, it's only make-believe, but all the same it's fun. To roam the frozen, Arctic wastes or brave the Tropic sun.

JUST A FEW WORDS

- C. *Vicissitude* is change; alternation; change of fortune. (From Latin *vicissitudo*, change.)
- A. To *presage* is to forecast; to forebode; to warn of something to come. (From Latin *pre*, before, and *sagus*, prophetic.)
- B. *Plausible* means seeming reasonable or likely, but with a suspicion of deceit. (From Latin *plausibilis*, pleasing.)
- B. *Culinary* means pertaining to the kitchen or to cookery. (From Latin *culina*, a kitchen.)
- A. *Bigoted* means blindly and unreasonably devoted to a particular belief. (An old French word.)
- C. *Invidious* means likely to provoke envy; making an offensive distinction. (From Latin *invidiosus*, producing envy.)

ANSWERS TO PUZZLES

Hidden test men: Milton; Watson. Odd woman out: Florence. All the others are characters in Shakespeare plays. Catch question: A canal. Pair the pictures: 1 and 5 Brush. 2 and 8 Sole. 3 and 7 Club. 4 and 9 Galf. 6 and 10 Pipe. What am I? Stickleback. Unite the people: John Foster Dulles—America. Joseph Stalin—Russia. President Coty—France. Mao Tse-Tung—China. Mr. Menzies—Australia. Choice of fish: Haddock; pike; hake; cod. Make mine music: King Cole; Fine Lady upon a White Horse; Little Boy Blue; Little Tom Tucker. Bouquet: Lobelia; Iris; Lupin; Anemone; Carnation—Lilac.

Word-Square
G A M E
A S I A
M I S S
E A S T

LUCKY DIP

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

A HOUSEWIFE asked the grocer's boy his name when he called at her door.

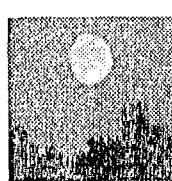
"William Shakespeare," he answered.

"Well, your name is certainly well known!"

"So it should be. I've been delivering in these parts nearly three years."

OTHER WORLDS

IN the evening Mars is in the south-east and Saturn in the south-west. No



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DIRTY WORK

I'VE never met a grown-up Who really understands Why boys have dirt upon their knees And very grubby hands.

We like to fish in muddy ponds, And play about with soil. We've things to paint and holes to dig, We've bikes to clean and oil.

We like to do these dirty jobs, So why make all this fuss When just a little mud or glue Somehow gets stuck on us?

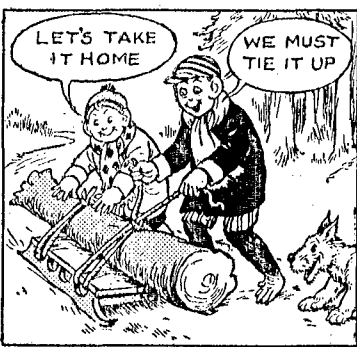
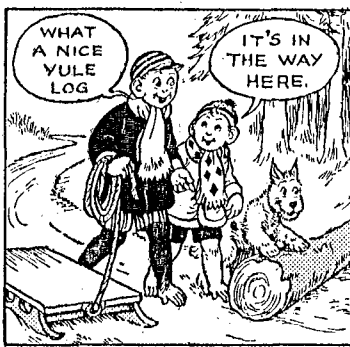
ON THE SANDS

THE driver of a trans-Sahara bus saw a man in a bathing suit running across the desert. "Where are you going?" he called out.

"For a swim," came the reply. "But the sea is more than 50 miles away."

"I know; wonderful beach, isn't it?"

JACKO FINDS FUN IN ROLLING ALONG



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WHAT TO DO: Pictured below are the heads and feet of ten well-known animals. You simply have to say which feet belong to which heads, writing your answers neatly on a postcard. For example, your first answer will be 1—B; then list the other nine underneath in the same way.

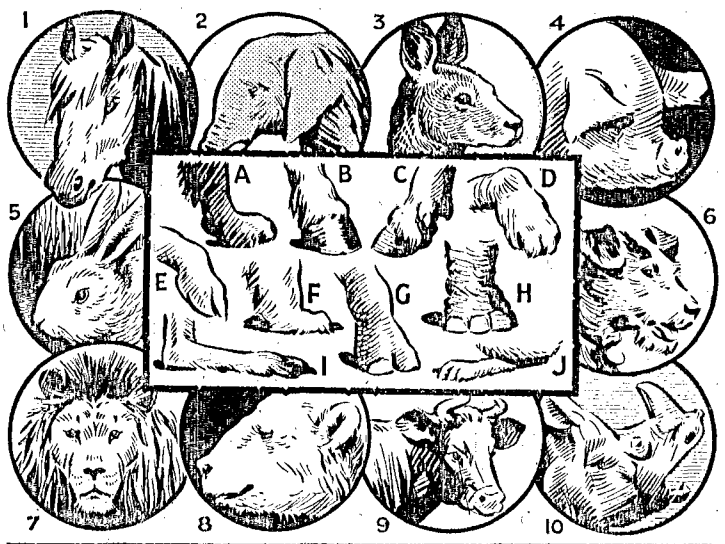
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Laurie Reed returns to the lead

ON Whit Monday last year, Laurie Reed shot into the headlines when he won the Inter-County six miles event at London's White City. Trained by Gordon Pirie, this 21-year-old London

bank clerk seemed a natural successor to the great distance runner.

His victory earned him a place in Great Britain's team against France on August 3, and in the three miles he finished second, a few yards behind Derek Ibbotson.

Laurie had to wait 14 months before he met Derek again—in a two-mile race—and this time he won with Derek almost 10 seconds behind.

Owing to injury, Laurie missed the whole of the 1958 track season. But he is certainly making up for it now. Returning to competition only two months ago, he has since helped his club, South London Harriers, to win the Surrey Beagles Road Relay; he won the two-mile race against Ibbotson, the South London Harriers five-mile cross-country championship, and strode to victory in a similar inter-club event—in a time some 65 seconds faster.

Unplaced for medals in the three and six miles events at Cardiff, Great Britain requires new blood to put us back in the world championship honours. Laurie, a former Reigate Grammar School boy, is just the man to do it.



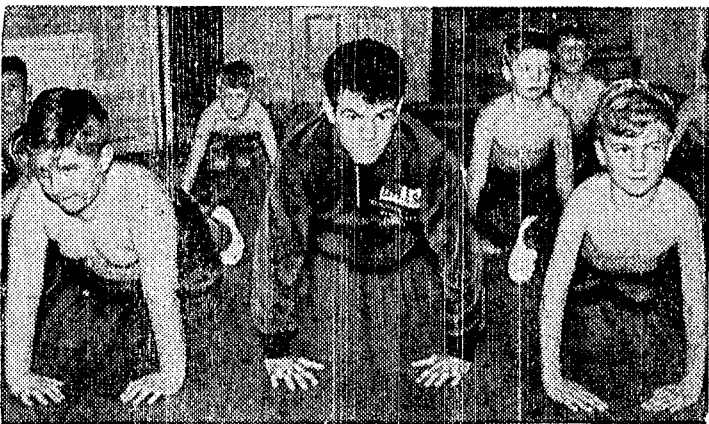
Billiards championships

ON Thursday, the world billiards championships will begin at Calcutta, and Britain will be represented by Leslie Driffeld, the reigning English champion. Holder of this title five times, he was also the first Englishman to win the world championship—in 1952.

The present holder of the title is Australian Tom Cleary, who will be defending his championship in Calcutta this week.

A champion goes back to school

Dai Dower, former British, Empire, and European fly-weight champion, has retired from the ring to become sports master at Ringwood Grammar School, near Bournemouth. Here he is seen with some of the boys during a physical training session.



Wonderful season for Fred Norris

WHILE Laurie Reed was out of action, Fred Norris, 36-year-old miner from Bolton, was enjoying his finest season. He won a bronze medal in the European Marathon at Stockholm. In August he set up four world records—for 20 miles, 21 miles, 22 miles, and 2 hours, during which he covered just over 22 miles 1610 yards. Then last month he smashed five English distance records. After setting up new times for 7, 8, 9, and 10 miles, he went on to create a new figure for the one hour run. His distance of 12 miles 515 yards 2 feet set up English, British Empire, British National, and British Native records, but he just failed to pass the world record held by Emil Zatopek.

Fred Norris is now preparing for a busy season of cross-country running, and we should certainly see some thrilling races when he and Laurie Reed meet.

Sporting Flashbacks

A SCOTTISH RUGBY INTERNATIONAL KEPT WICKET FOR ENGLAND IN AUSTRALIA IN THE TEST TOUR OF 1891-2 ..

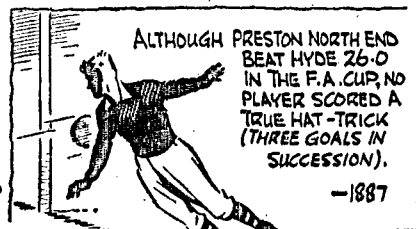
HE WAS
GREGOR MACGREGOR
— OF MIDDLESEX —

ALTOGETHER, MACGREGOR PLAYED IN EIGHT TESTS FOR ENGLAND (IN ONE OF WHICH HE DID NOT GIVE AWAY A SINGLE BYE), WHILE ON THE RUGBY FIELD HE REPRESENTED SCOTLAND IN THIRTEEN INTERNATIONALS — FIVE OF THEM AGAINST ENGLAND.



NO FOOTBALLER EVER MADE A MORE SENSATIONAL START THAN
GEORGE HILLSDON.

THE FIRST TIME HE PLAYED IN A FOOTBALL LEAGUE MATCH HE SCORED FIVE GOALS (FOR CHELSEA V. GLOSSOP IN 1906). SIX WEEKS LATER HE WAS IN THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE TEAM V. THE IRISH LEAGUE ... AND HE GAINED THE FIRST OF HIS FIVE INTERNATIONAL CAPS FOR ENGLAND THE FOLLOWING SEASON.



ALTHOUGH PRESTON NORTH END BEAT HYDE 26-0 IN THE F.A. CUP, NO PLAYER SCORED A TRUE HAT-TRICK (THREE GOALS IN SUCCESSION).

—1887

Sportsman of the Year

ANOTHER honour for Ian Black.

This 17-year-old Aberdeen schoolboy has been elected "Sportsman of the Year" by the Sports Writers' Association. This is the first time a swimmer has been elected, and the first time a Scot has been in the first six. But none of our young sportsmen is more deserving of this honour.

Britain's greatest all-round swimmer, Ian this summer won five National titles; three gold medals at the European Games; and a gold and two silver medals at the Empire Games, a phenomenal performance from a schoolboy. Yet when he heard that he had been elected "Sportsman of the Year," Ian passed all the credit to Andy Robb, his coach.

Ian was also presented with a silver salver by the governors of the Robert Gordon College, Aberdeen, as a tribute to his wonderful efforts. Ian is now studying hard for his Higher Schools Certificate.

Chance for Judd

NOW that Jim Laker has decided to retire, a great chance is offered to Peter Judd, a 20-year-old off-spinner who played a few games in the Surrey second team last year. Peter, who completes his National Service this month, has been offered a season's contract with the champions, and may well step into Jim Laker's shoes.

SPORTS QUIZ

1. Mrs. Collins is one of Britain's leading table-tennis players. By what name is she better known?
2. What is the highest possible break at snooker?
3. Do you know which is believed to be the first reference to cricket?
4. What is the area of a squash court?
5. Gordon Pirie's wife is herself an international runner. What was her maiden name?
6. In which sport would you use a wedge?

1. Diane Rowe. 2. It is 147—fifteen reds, each with a black, and then all the colours. 3. An entry in the wardrobe accounts of King Edward I, in 1300. 4. 32 feet by 21. 5. Shirley Humphson. 6. Golf—it is one of the clubs.

Proud of their trainer

WHEN the senior boys of the Emsworth Church School at Havant were transferred to another school, taking their men teachers with them, Mrs. Patricia Lester was appointed headmistress—much to the dismay of the junior lads. For they wanted to start a football team of their own, and who ever heard of a mistress in charge of a soccer XI?

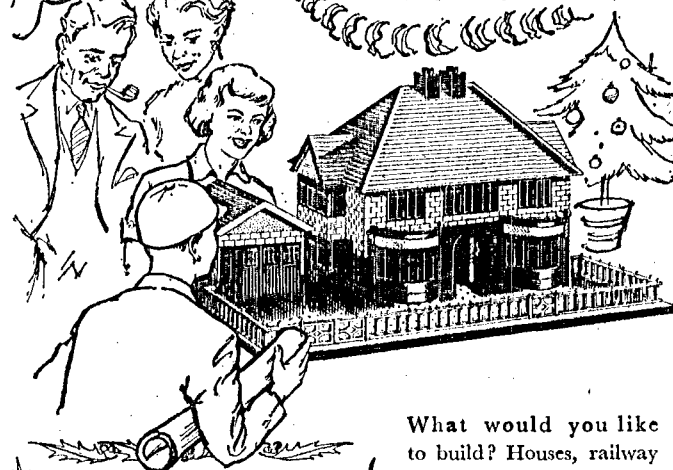
Although she had never seen a match in her life and knew nothing about the game, Mrs. Lester studied the rules, read a number of books about the

game, and then set about forming a team.

That was three years ago. During the first season the team failed to win a single game; the following season they managed to win three times; but by half-term this season the boys were sitting on top of the Havant and District Primary Schools League, having won all their first six matches.

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